



# HAWK HEADLINER

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## Principal's Page A Time to Be Thankful...

Just as the chill of autumnal winds is a harbinger of the change of season, it also reminds us that fall is a time to reflect, process, and give thanks. Like all of you, I am grateful that we as a school, a community, and an entire valley escaped the recent tragedy that befell our local mountain communities. Events of this magnitude arouse many feelings in youngsters. From confusion to anxiety, we are reminded in the eyes of children how fragile life truly is. Thus, we must give thanks.

I would like everyone who reads this message to take time this month to enjoy your children, your family, and the wonderful community that supports our school. Friendly Hills is unquestionably a special place for many reasons. All too often, we forget how blessed we are to have such a wonderful school to educate the future leaders of our community. I know that I find myself so busy that I don't take time to thank everyone who deserves it. Please, allow me to thank you all now.

Giving thanks is no doubt a November tradi-



tion. Other traditions that I need you all to be mindful of are parent conferences and holiday schedules. November 10<sup>th</sup> is one of two days that we set aside for parent teacher conferences. Please take advantage of this opportunity to communicate with your son's or daughter's teacher. Open communication is imperative for the success of all the students at Friendly Hills. Our traditions continue on November 11<sup>th</sup> with Veteran's Day. To honor the men and women of our armed forces who have made the ultimate sacrifice, all schools in the Morongo Unified School District will be closed. Lastly, Thanksgiving comes late this year. In honor of the American tradition of giving thanks, school will be closed November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Again, I ask you all to give thanks and enjoy what makes all of our lives fulfilling, the children of Friendly Hills.

## Dates of Interest:

- 11/3 Photo Make Up Day
- 11/4 Election Day
- 11/5 October Awards Assem.
- 11/6 Site Based Management
- 11/10 Teacher/Parent Conf.
- 11/11 Veteran's Day Holiday
- 11/26 Hawk Walk 10-11 a.m.
- 11/27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday





## PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The first quarter of school is already upon us with the quarter ending on Friday, October 31. With the close of the quarter comes our quarterly "perfect attendance" awards to be given out to students at the December awards assembly. As was explained to you in the parent/student handbook distributed at the beginning of the school year, perfect attendance guidelines are as follows:

- To be eligible for the perfect attendance award, a student shall have no absences and no tardies or early dismissals unless excused by a doctor's, dentist's or orthodontist's note from that medical office.

Thank you to all the students and their parents

who continue to strive for outstanding attendance. This award is truly earned! Our teachers have a wealth of knowledge to share with our youngsters that can only be absorbed if children are in school.



## SCHOOL WORK SOLUTIONS

"I don't want to do my homework!" "My project is not due until Friday. Why should I start today?"

Sound familiar? Getting kids to do school work is a struggle for many parents. Here are some ideas to help.

- **Being together.** Many kids feel comfortable with someone close by and are more likely to stay on task. It's a great time for you to model reading a good book or working on paperwork of your own.
- **Out of the ordinary.** Unexpected ways to study can

also help. If your child has a spelling test, suggest reviewing the words while you walk around the block.

- **Step by step.** Many times, kids just don't know where to start. Try working with your youngster on the first few questions of an assignment. If it's a big project, help him/her break it into smaller achievable goals.

## So Long...Farewell...Adios -

As you read this publication, Mrs. Martinez, your smiling office clerk at the front desk, will have taken a promotion, taking her to 29 Palms. Mrs. Martinez has been a wonderful asset to Friendly Hills over the past 4+ years. She will be greatly missed around the



school but what is one school's loss is another school's gain. We all wish her the very best as she will be serving a new group of children who will undoubtedly be nurtured by her love and care.

## BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

**Please call in all absences when your student will not be at school.**

This time of year, we always remind parents to send sweaters and warm jackets with your children as the weather turns colder. It is a good idea to mark your child's name on the inside of the clothing. If you are missing anything, please remember to check our "lost and found" by the cafeteria door.

Also, just a reminder, our District policy requires a doctor's note if your child needs to stay inside during lunch, recess and P.E. In the event of rain, severely cold or windy weather, we have an inclement weather schedule and all children stay indoors during lunch, recess and P.E.





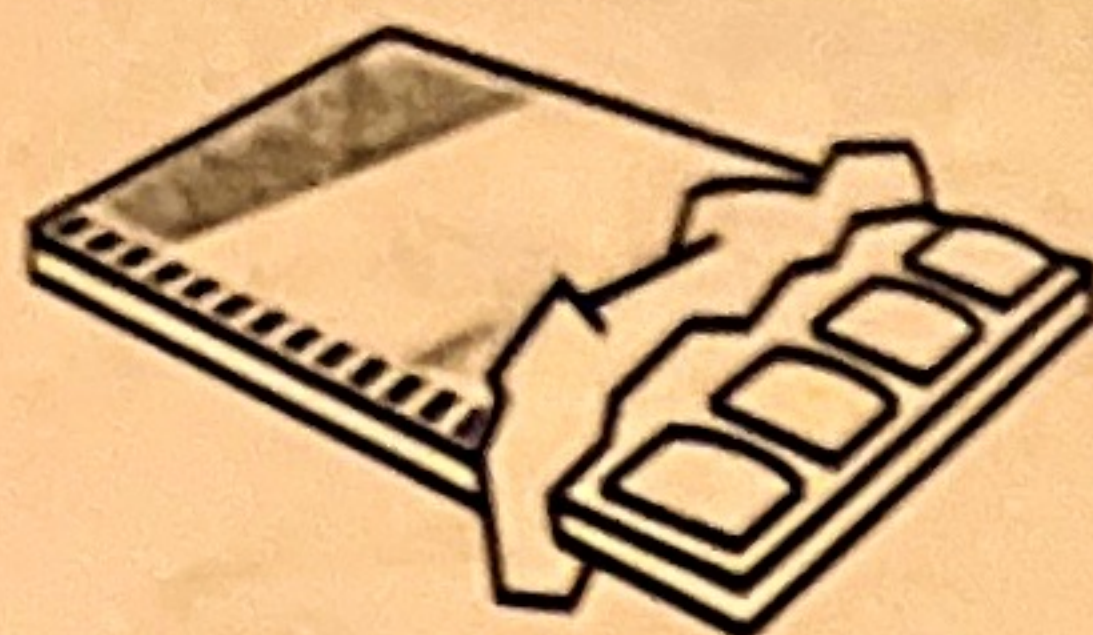
# FRIENDLY HILLS ELEMENTARY ASSOCIATION

Cold weather can not slow down this group, which is one of the most important connections the school has between home and school.

Sno-Cone Fridays have been a huge success and Popcorn Fridays will be upon us as the weather gets cooler! Children are enjoying a yummy treat and the parent group is raising money for our kids. Our See's candy sale began on October 27. You may not know it, but this fundraiser is the largest for the

parent group, raising over \$5,000 for our kids.

Fieldtrips and extra classroom enrichment supplies would not exist without these fundraising



efforts. The parent group, FHEA, would like to thank all the families participating in the candy sales.

Please remember that the money and/or unsold candy are due back by December 3.

The parent group is planning a Book Fair from Dec. 4-11, coinciding with our Family Reading Night. You will receive more information on this in the future. Don't forget that books make great holiday gifts. Also, the parent group will have their ninth annual Craft Fair on Saturday, December 6th. There are still spaces available for those who would like to reserve a booth.

The next meeting for this outstanding group will be Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. Make a difference and get involved!

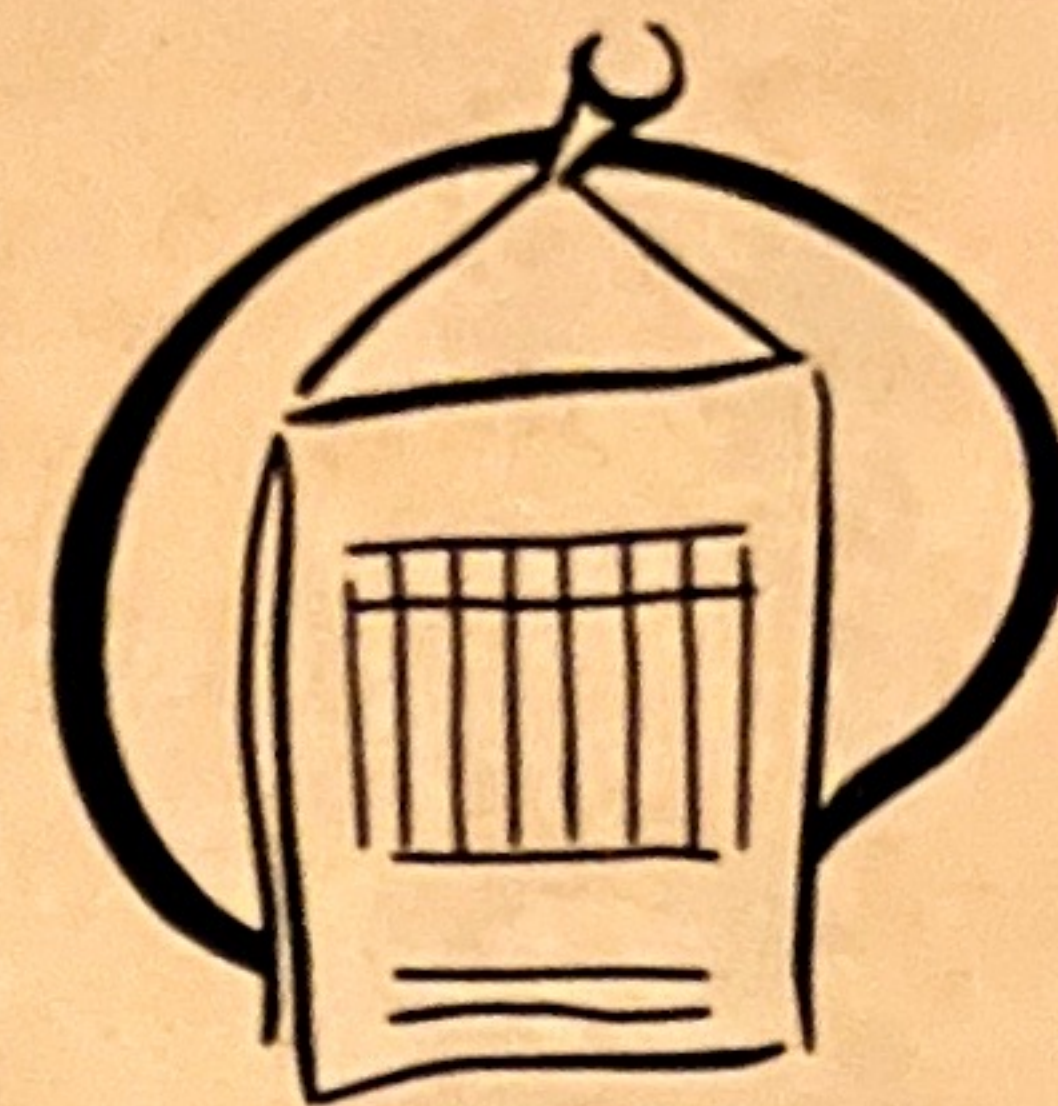
## PARENT AND STUDENT REMINDERS

There are several important dates to remember this month. Please check the attached calendar. There is NO SCHOOL on the following days:

Monday, Nov. 10 (Teacher/Parent Conference Day)

Tuesday, Nov. 11 (Veteran's Day Holiday)

Thursday-Sunday, November 27-30 (Thanksgiving Holiday)



## Library News -



We just love October in the library! We listen to great Halloween stories and Mrs. K. tries to scare everyone. Paddington seems to be the only one who gets scared, so he is held even tighter!

Again, our library lends the perfect setting to show off class projects. On display now are Mrs. Reed's still life watercolor paintings. The fossils hanging between the office and library are rendered by the fabulous students in room 109. Stop by anytime to view these awesome works.

Besides reading scary stories, we are wrapping up "The School Story". Grades 4-6 have enjoyed this novel where friendship is at the core of the story.

Our next novel will be "The Kite Fighters", a novel taking place in Seoul, Korea in 1473.

Until next month,

*Paddington and Mrs. K.*

## Paddington Pals (for this month):

Jacob Benson  
Courtney Yakutis  
Melanie Culver  
Bella Monique  
Taylin Nelson  
Shelby Blair

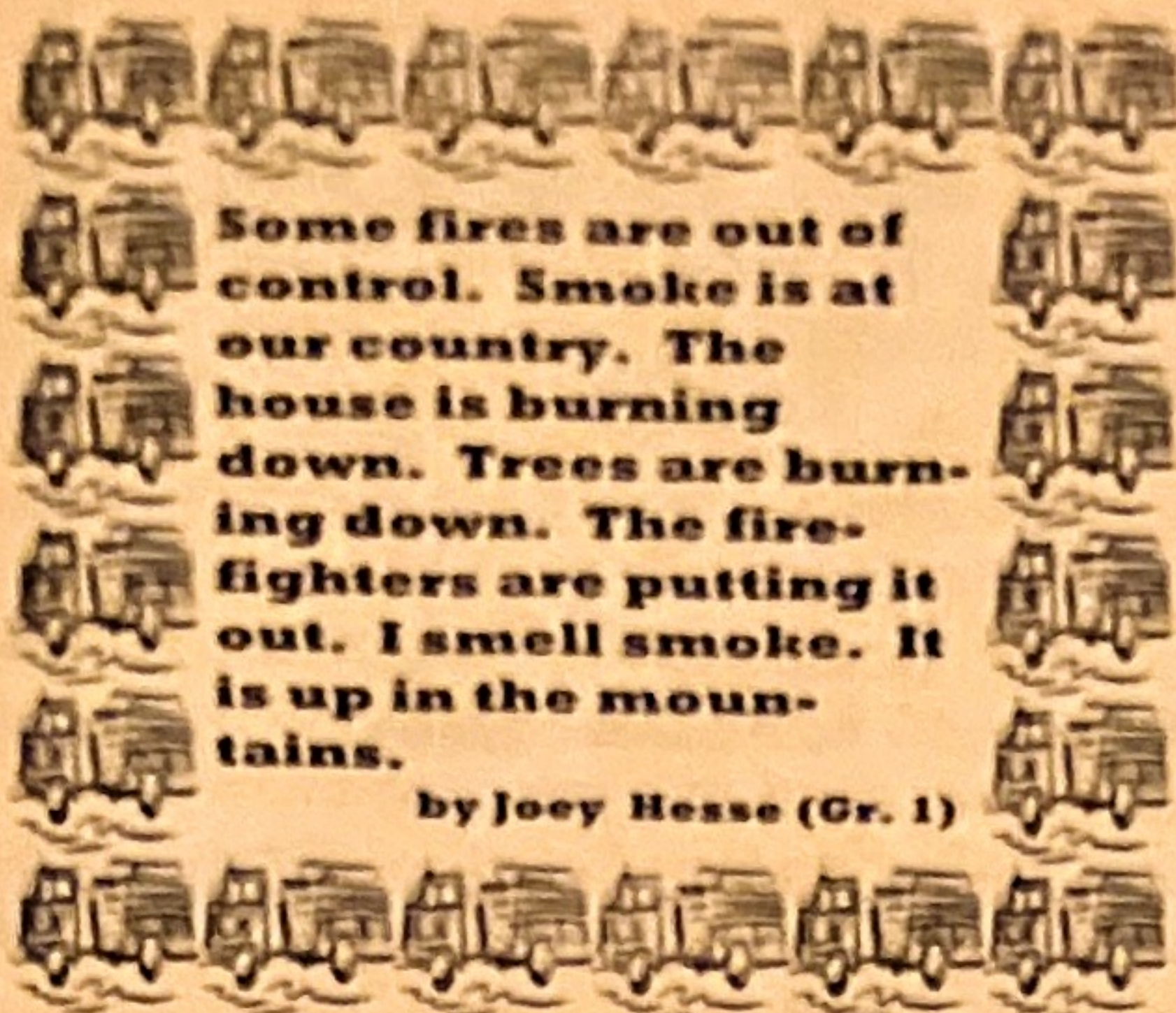
Mr. Hesse (1st)  
Mrs. Winchell (2nd)  
Mrs. Tilson (3rd)  
Mrs. Friedman (4th)  
Mrs. Reid-Laubenstein (5)  
Mrs. Leal (6th)

All of these students got to pick a book, to keep, out of Paddington Bear's book basket. Paddington loves to give books to children who love to read!



# Fire!

(with the fire storms plaguing California, Mrs. Hesse's first graders are writing about their perspectives on this tragedy)



Some fires are out of control. Smoke is at our country. The house is burning down. Trees are burning down. The firefighters are putting it out. I smell smoke. It is up in the mountains.

by Joey Hesse (Gr. 1)

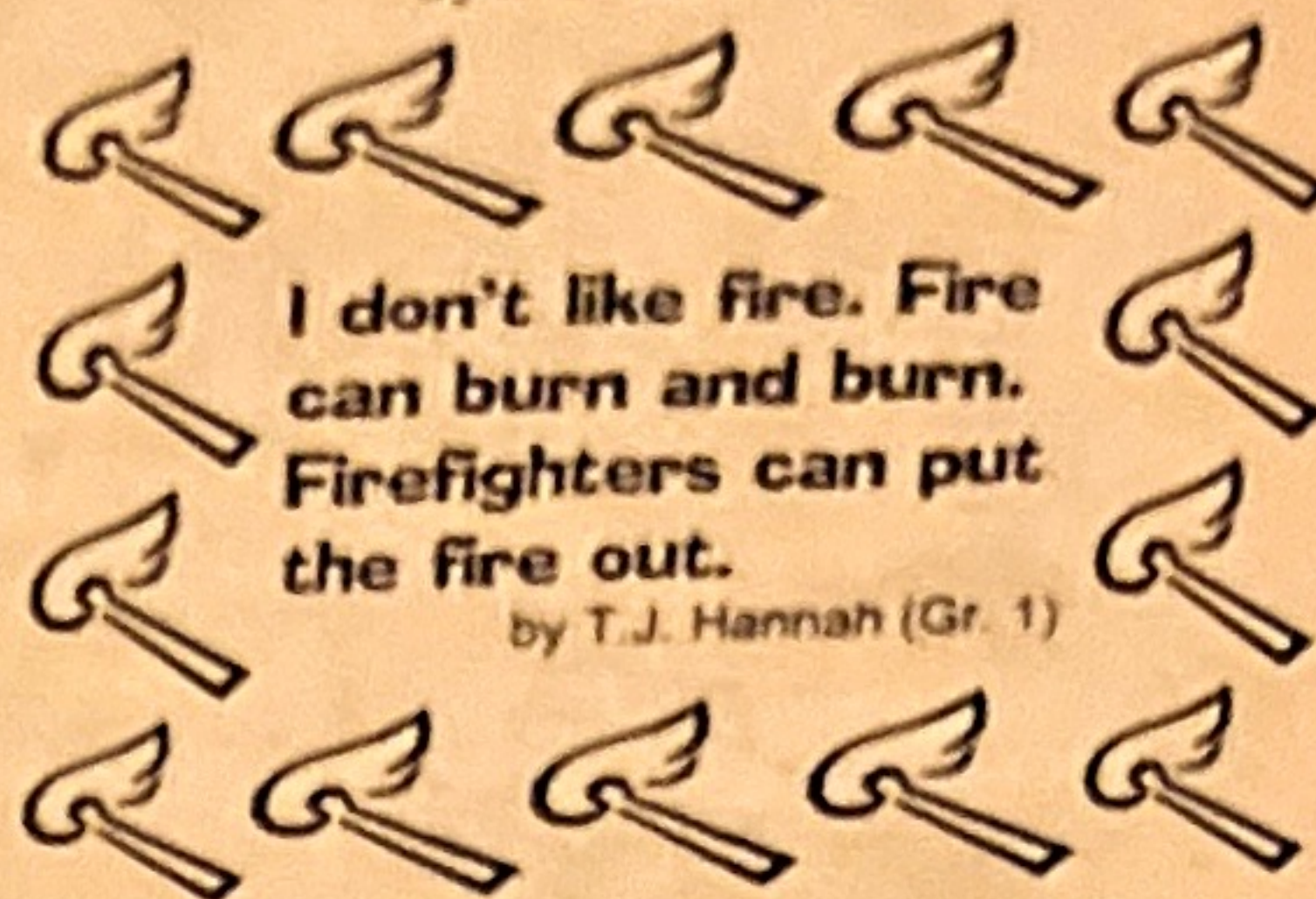


The firefighters are putting out the fire. I can smell the fire. It is going out of control. Trees are burning. Houses are burning down too.

by Sarah Mason (Gr. 1)

Fires are happening right now! We can't go out to recess because of the smoke. I do not like fires. The fire burns down trees too. I wish the fire would stop.

By Blake Browning (Gr. 1)



I don't like fire. Fire can burn and burn. Firefighters can put the fire out.

by T.J. Hannah (Gr. 1)



## A Werewolf in Room 7 — Student writings from Ms. Subriar's second grade class

I woke up one morning with fur all over my hands. So I went to the hospital but they could not fix it. The next morning I had fur on my body. The next morning I was a werewolf. Then I went to the hospital but they could not fix it again. So I stayed a werewolf. Then the whole city turned into werewolves. Then we took over the city. Everyone in the world turned into werewolves. Then we took over the world. Something came out of the sky and we all turned to people again. We lived happily ever after.

By Lance Martin

I woke up one morning with fur all over my hands, so I went to the barber shop and got it cut off. Then I went to the hospital and they cured it but it started growing back on me. Pretty soon the fur was on all the people. Then we could not get it off. Everyone stayed furry all over forever.

- by Jordan Chartier

I woke up one morning with fur all over my hands. Mom cut the fur all off my hands. A witch flew through the window and I fainted away. Just then my mom called the ambulance. They came and took me away. They took me to the hospital and they cut off the fur. It stayed off this time. I was happy to be a girl again!

By Emileah Cleary





# SCARY DREAMS AND EXPERIENCES ...

by Mr. Chambliss's 5th graders

## The Scariest Dream

by Cassie Brohamer

Once when I spent the night at my friend Courtney's house I had this really scary dream. It was about me, my mom and my two nephews. It started when I was walking down the hallway and I heard a voice that kept saying my name. I just thought that I was hearing things but an hour later I heard it again and I knew it was real. My mom and my nephews heard it too. So we all hid in the closet and covered up with a blanket.

Then we heard the door open and I screamed. My mom asked me why I screamed because now they know that we were in the room. Then they came into the room and kidnapped me and took me to a house. Good thing it was only a dream!

The End

## My Scariest Experience

by David Brake Jr.

One day I was riding my quad - it's an 80. I was in my backyard. I was going 40-50 miles per minute. I was going in a circle. On the fourth time around, I crashed into the Joshua Tree!

My mom and dad said, "are you okay?"

I said, "Yes, I think". I took off my helmet. It was cracked! The next day we went to the store to buy a new helmet.



## My Scariest Experience

by Courtney Ambrosius

I was really scared when I was in a room with these dolls. I couldn't sleep because the dolls kept starring at me. It looked like they were blinking. My friend saw it too. So we put the scariest doll under the bed. In the morning the doll was back on the shelf!



## My Scariest Experience

by Carson King

My scariest experience is when I was in Reno at Circus, Circus (the hotel). I was on the 20th floor and the window was open. I went over to the window to look outside and my sister started tickling me. I almost fell out when she finally stopped. I was so scared, I was crying and it is hard to get me to cry! Man, I wanted to push her out the window!

## My Scariest Experience

by David McCorkle

My most scary experience was when my dad, my dad's friend, Rusty and I were going four-wheeling. We went on the back road to Big Bear. The off road led to a big steep hill and when we tried to climb it, we got to the top and the truck stalled. We started rolling backwards and we went off the road and we hit a hole. We were swerving back and forth and we were on two wheels. We went over a rock and we stopped. My dad put the truck in park. We got out and the front pumpkin on the axle was bent. Rusty brought a cell phone just in case. We called a guy named Jacob to tow us out of there. The good thing is that nobody got hurt.



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*Friendly Hills is dedicated to ensuring that students acquire the necessary skills to be high achievers, exemplary citizens and life long, self motivated learners.*

**Look for our school web page  
at the following web site:  
[Http://fhes.  
Morongousd.com](http://fhes.morongousd.com)**

## Our Story

*Friendly Hills School was founded in 1988 as part of the Morongo Unified School District. Since it's inception, the school has been instrumental in the education of more than 4000 students. Our first kindergarten class graduated from high school in the year 2000. We are confident that those students and all who will follow, leave this school with a strong well rounded education. Our tradition has been one of academic excellence, high student expectations and an education rich in the arts. As we move into the future, Friendly Hills continues to lead in these areas as well as emerging as an innovator in the area of technology. We attribute our success to a talented, dedicated staff, caring parents and wonderful students.*

## SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL NEWS

The School Based Management Council is a

*What counts is  
not the number of  
hours you put in,  
but what you put  
in the hours.*

committee composed of equal numbers of staff members and parents. This committee approves all financial and other important decisions throughout the school year.

Our next School Based Management Council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2003. We will be dis-

cussing the current budget constraints and re-allocation of specific funding. In these chal-

lenging financial times, we have to optimize our limited resources while ensuring that every student at Friendly Hills has the resources they need to meet and exceed our state's challenging standards for student performance.







## September Awards

Teacher's Name	Student of the Month	Citizenship Award	Outstanding Effort	Writing Award
Mrs. Bernardini	Sydney Boling	Madeline Quinn	Colby Compton	Peyton Orten
Mr. Bogner	Kaitlyn Miller	Jessica Morcilio	Brian Carles	Tim Zarki
Mrs. Candelaria	Kaya Harnitz	Mikayla Heller	Spencer Spann	Dovian Delgado
Mr. Chambless	Emily Paul	Mark Carles	Trevor Morrow	Reed Elliott
Mrs. Friedman	Katelynn Hannah	Bo Bonem	Zach Sands	Marc Salomon
Mr. Hesse	Ryan Plenert	Isaac Parker	Joey Colegio	Kasie Sixkiller
Mrs. Hesse	Blake Browning	Lizzie Schmelling	Evelyn Moore	Adriana Arizmendis
Mrs. Mann	Jaclyn Cuyno	Joe Robertson	Justin Ostroski	Sarah Byrne
Mrs. Mitz	Hanah Miller	Erik Peters	Kyle Phillippe	Amanda Ambrosius
Mrs. Reed	Bodie Benson	Danielle Pope	Caitlin Gibson	Bianca Sanchez
Mrs. Reid-Laubenstein	Michon Gapko	Ashley White	Ryan Ghiloni	Lucas Cushman
Mrs. Seacat	Katlin Mello	Makayla McEachern	Wyatt Phillips	Caleb Dejournett
Mrs. Strader	Lloyd Clark	Megan Velaszuez	Jacqueline Palmer	Justin Howell
Ms. Subriar	Jordan Chartier	Myraj McChristian	Rebecca Phipps	Bastian Eaton
Mrs. Tilson	Sierra Zacks	Travis Jackson	Allie Cressy	Sarah Fleischman
Ms. Williams			Alan Sifford	Tyler Bazzle
Mrs. Winchell	Isaiah Thomas	Sam O'Melia	Sandra Landgrave	Katelyn Sage







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Children must be present with their report card.

Children grades K-6 are eligible.

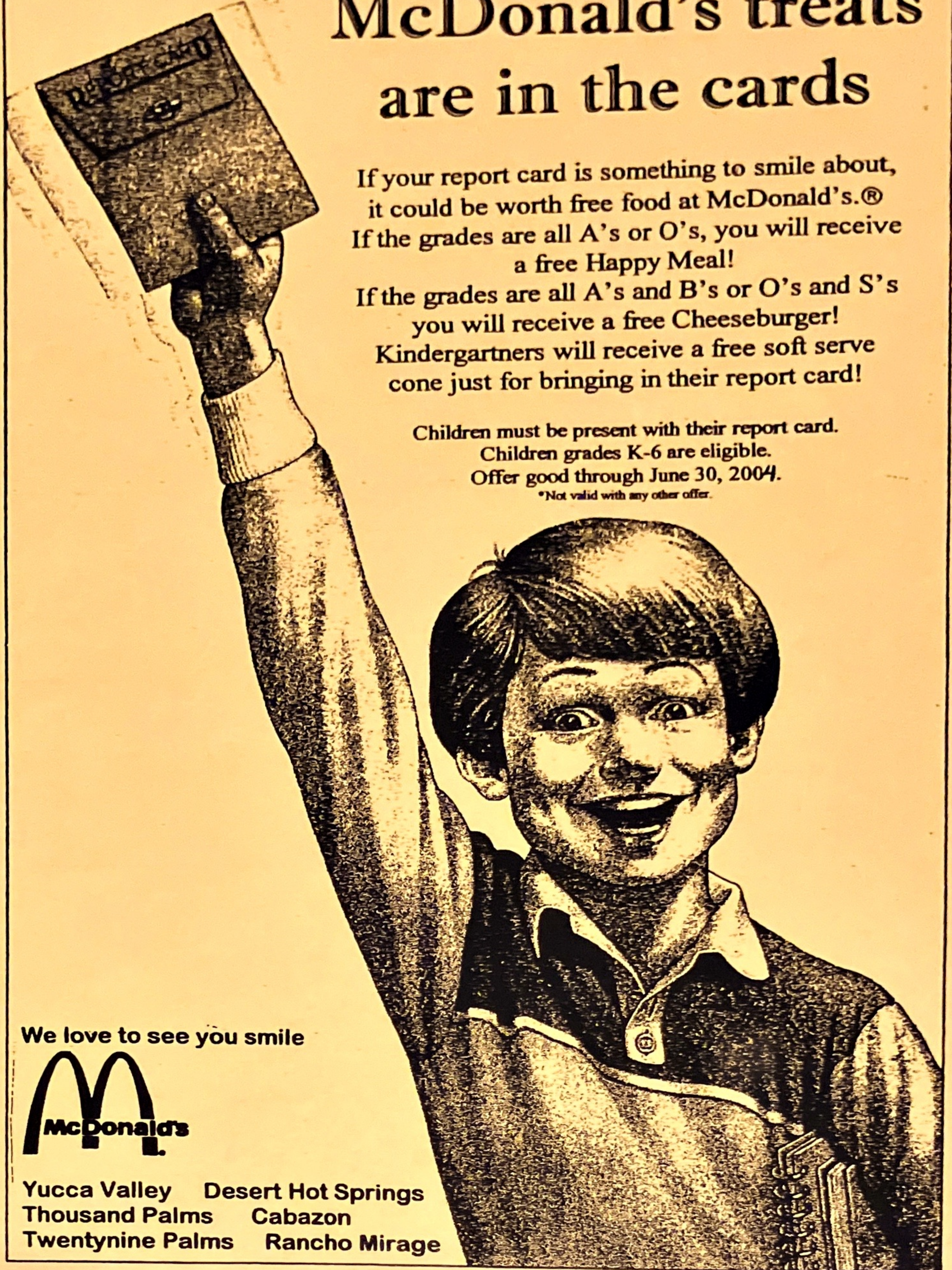
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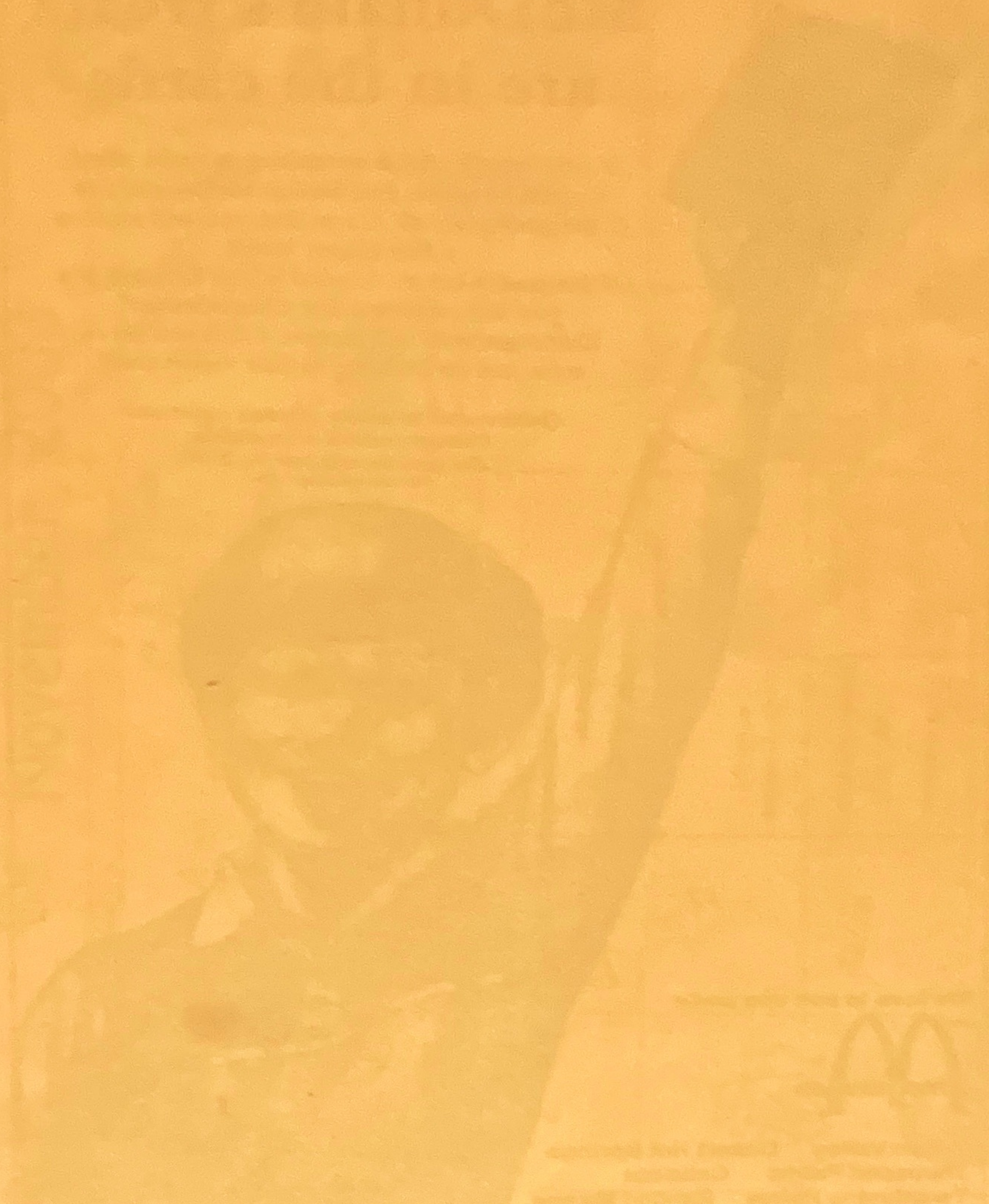
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